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THE sudden and accidental death by drowning of a member of the Freshman Class a few days ago has cast a shadow over the gayety of the commencement week. The death of one who was so lately seen in our midst enjoying perfect health and held in high respect and esteem by all who knew him has excited the deepest and most heartfelt sympathy for his afflicted relatives. The University has lost in Charles Wesley Palmer a faithful and conscientious student; the Freshman Class, a worthy classmate; his intimate friends, one worthy of their warmest friendship and regard.

THE action of Prof. Doolittle in excusing those Sophomores from examination in Mathematics and Mechanics who had a term mark above 9 and no absences cannot be too highly commended and we hope it is the beginning of a new era, and that this rule will

extend to all departments, and all subjects. It is certain that a man shows a great deal more by his term mark than by examination. It is almost impossible for a man who has a good term mark to raise, or even come up to it on examination, when we take into consideration the length of the examination, the chance of making errors in work, and the possibility or probability of one's becoming "rattled."

THE college year which just closes has, on the whole, been a very successful one for athletics at Lehigh, and although the base ball team has not covered itself with glory, the foot ball and lacrosse teams have done more than was expected of them. Next year we can reasonably expect to do more in foot ball than was done last season, and to do this we must not pick out teams to play the first few games and then have a large number of changes made before we win. Last year this was excusable and there were few men whose abilities were known, but next season, with nearly the whole team back, there should be no trouble in picking out the team directly after we return and having them practice together; then we can expect to win our victories as well in the first part of the season as in the last.

THE class of 'Eighty-seven will soon have passed from amongst us bearing with them the good will of the Faculty and undergraduates alike. The record they have made while in the University is a forecast of the future. Of the original one hundred and six, the forty-five who graduate this year go out into the world well equipped to be useful citizens and to win success in their various professions. They leave behind them a substantial mark of their worth and loyalty to their *Alma Mater* in the handsome granite steps which adorn the pathway to the library. Such an example of gen-

erosity is a fitting tribute to the University to which we all owe so much and will doubtless be an incentive to other classes to leave behind them some tribute worthy of their class and their *Alma Mater*.

THE BURR but expresses the feeling of all who are interested in the University and its welfare by saying that the class of 'Eighty-seven has been an honor to Lehigh, and that the future in store for its members, we believe, will be a bright one.

IN accordance with the announcement of the last issue of THE BURR, a new board has been elected to serve for the college year 1886-87, all the positions on which have been filled with the exception of two members from the class of 'Ninety. This board has been elected after careful deliberation, and in the opinion of the present editors is the best editorial board which could be picked out of the University, while the general indifference in regard to writing for the college paper exists. The board as elected are:

'88

Charles P. Coleman,	Manuel V. Domenech,
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'89

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'90

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The vacancies have been purposely left in the representation of the present Freshman Class, in order to give any one who so desires a chance to obtain what is so enviable a position at other colleges—a position on the staff of the college paper.

THE base-ball season has closed, and, though we are loath to confess it, has been as dismal a failure as any preceding. That Lehigh, with all its success at foot-ball and lacrosse, and its improvement in general ath-

letics, should be so far below the standard of certain colleges of half the reputation and prospects in this truly American game, is a matter of considerable surprise and of great regret to all connected with the University. The secret of our failure this year seems to have been not particularly in the lack of a good in and out-field, but of pitchers of something more than ordinary ability. No one has the slightest doubt but that there are several in the University, who with proper training and practice would develop into first-class pitchers. But the opportunity is not afforded them. In a word, Lehigh will never be able to do herself credit in base-ball until a *cage* is fitted up where batteries may be in active training all winter. We have heard that such a plan is assuming definite proportions, and it is the earnest wish of THE BURR that, for the interest of base-ball in the University, it may be carried through.

WITH this number of THE BURR several of the present board retire, leaving the paper in the hands of fellow-students whom we deem unusually well fitted to profit by our mistakes and to issue a semi-monthly of sufficient merit to represent our University. We, who are about to lay down our editorial pens, may incur the charge of self-praise by calling the attention of our readers to the one leading principle which has influenced us in all that we have said during the past year—that of loyalty to our *Alma Mater*.

It is this that has led us to fearlessly advocate radical changes and laid us open to the charge of continually "growling." Think not of the "growling." Think rather of its intention. We are content to bear the stigma of the charge, if there is any stigma in it, since many of the schemes advocated in our editorial and communication columns have been adopted. This we believe to be the special province of the college press, and this has been and will be the aim of THE BURR.

The retiring members cannot but regret that

they are soon to be separated from a University which is now in such a high state of prosperity. The future is bright indeed. That no clouds arise to cast a shadow upon the good name of Lehigh is our parting prayer.

THE matter of absences, particularly inexcused, is occasioning a great deal of dissatisfaction around college with the system now in vogue. The fact that this disapprobation of the established order of things is not confined to those who have the pleasure of being on the ragged edge, but is expressed by all, naturally leads one to think that there must be some adequate cause for so much complaint.

The chief grounds for complaint are that an inexcused absence from a recitation should so vitally effect a student's standing in that study and that so few as fifteen in the first term or twenty in the second should render a man liable to suspension or expulsion.

When the average student comes to college it is generally with a fixed purpose of making the most of the advantages offered him. Of course there may be, and perhaps are, here and there isolated exceptions to this, but as a rule such is the case. It is naturally to be expected that he is old enough to conduct himself properly without the aid of those restraints which it is customary to find at the preparatory school. During his college course there are often times when, for reasons perfectly satisfactory to himself, a student considers himself justified in cutting a recitation. But if these reasons do not appear to be sufficient to the powers that be, of whom we speak with all due respect—who may not be in a condition to appreciate fully the force of the circumstances—the student must receive a zero for his absence. Does not this compelled scrutiny into the whys and wherefores of so trivial a matter as a student's absenting himself from a recitation on a certain occasion savor strongly of a preparatory school? If a man can satisfactorily pass the examination imposed upon him why should it make so much difference whether or not he attended

every single one of the recitations in that study. The fact that sickness seems to be the only acceptable excuse—and now even this one seems to be failing—may to a certain extent account for the alarming state of health that one would judge is prevalent here.

The custom of taking an account of absences is, strictly speaking, not at all compatible with the idea of a University, yet in this country it has become the custom so to do, and not until the millenium draweth nigh can a change reasonably be hoped for. If some penalty must be imposed why not follow a plan somewhat similar to that successfully carried out by some of our older institutions, one which we think would give more satisfaction to all concerned than the system now in vogue. Allow a student a certain percentage of absences from the recitations in a study, which, if exceeded, will impose an extra examination, preliminary to the regular one. Another and higher percentage might be adopted which would exclude the student altogether from the examination and cause him to take the study over again. Some change certainly is necessary and the matter is one of so much importance that it deserves the most careful consideration on the part of those who have the power to make a satisfactory change.

#### THE EPITOME.

IT has been customary for THE BURR to publish a criticism of our annual, the *Epitome*, and the intention has always been to echo, as far as possible, the general sentiment of the college in regard to the volume's literary and artistic merit. Censure has not been withheld solely for the purpose of raising the standard of our annuals, which have shown a constant improvement in some respects, but not, however, in all.

It is to be greatly regretted that a majority of the editorial boards of the *Epitomes* have had little or no experience in literary work, and consequently lack that sense of propriety and good taste which comes only as the result of



many serious blunders and unfortunate mistakes. The criticism of the *Epitome* of the Class of 'Eighty-eight is prefaced by these remarks in order to prevent any ill feeling on the part of the Editors. We, the Editors of THE BURR, have often had to undergo the most severe criticisms, the sting of which was augmented by the fact that, notwithstanding the complimentary remarks of many of our contemporary college papers, those to whom we looked for encouragement, and, when disapprobation was necessary, mild censure, have dealt out to us remarks and criticisms sufficiently severe to dampen our enthusiasm in fighting for changes and improvements in our little college world, which after-events have generally proven to be of universal benefit.

Typographically the *Epitome* of the Class of 'Eighty-eight is a decided success. The book has been carefully printed and presents a neat appearance. The records are, however, very imperfect and many errors have crept in through the inadvertence of the proof readers. Since the intention of our annual is primarily to preserve the athletic and society records, decidedly more pains should be taken to insure accuracy.

The artistic work we are loath to criticize severely. It would seem advisable that not only the few who are elected artists, but all who are gifted, should draw for this annual. In many colleges it is customary to accept drawings from the students who are not of the Junior Class, thus insuring a handsome book. To spend money on poor drawings which bring no especial honor upon the Class or upon the University is a useless waste. The best talent in college should be called into play, credit for the work of course being given them.

From a literary standpoint, the book has many objectionable features. The principle charge is a lack of good taste. There are several things which should have been omitted. The poetry on the whole is fair, and the editors have evidently endeavored to interest and amuse their readers. They have not al-

ways succeeded in doing this. The mutilation of the Sophomore Class history is without a precedent, and we sincerely hope that it will not become a permanent feature of the annual.

In many of the quotations there are pith and point—possibly more point than in previous *Epitomes*. But the crowning feature of the book is the revised version of the photograph of the Class of 'Eighty-nine taken in their Freshman year. It is laughable in the extreme, and will go down to posterity as the best *Epitome* "gag." Apropos of *Epitomes* in general, the communication from an alumnus in the July number of THE BURR contains much sound advice for future boards.

By those who have been dealing severe censure to the *Epitome* board, it should be remembered, in justice to the board itself, that the task imposed upon the *Epitome* Editors is not by any means a light one. If we cannot praise their efforts, we can at least appreciate them.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES WESLEY PALMER.

The Class of '90 of the Lehigh University, at a special meeting held June 17th, 1887, adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the wise providence of God our classmate, Charles Wesley Palmer, was suddenly taken from our midst by drowning; and,

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Freshman Class, have lost a friend and fellow-classmate who was held in universal esteem; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That, in their deep affliction, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives and friends; and

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his parents, entered upon the minutes of this meeting and be published in the *Bethlehem Daily Times* and THE LEHIGH BURR.

LESTER N. ELY,  
C. HERBERT MILLER,  
AARON H. VANCLEVE,  
SIMON S. MARTIN,  
*Committee.*

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst our beloved and esteemed brother, Charles Wesley Palmer, be it

*Resolved*, That we, his brothers of Nu Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi, do extend our heartfelt sympathy to his afflicted parents, and be it

*Resolved*, That, in token of our grief, the badges of the Charge be draped in mourning.

BY THE CHARGE.

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 A song for the standard that waves in the air,  
 With its colors so spotless and bright;  
 The symbol of courage and purity fair,  
 The flag of the Brown and the White.

## II.

As swift flying arrows our years speed along,  
 On the pinions of time gently borne;  
 But the past and its troubles we banish with song,  
 We've no time at present to mourn.  
 The many bright joys of our College career,  
 Like visions are passing away;  
 Yet while our proud colors wave over us here,  
 We still shall be joyous and gay.

## III.

Our beautiful emblem for grace unexcelled,  
 On the world's angry sea it shall ride;  
 By loyal hearts guarded and strong arms upheld,  
 See it waving in glory and pride;  
 Then swell the loud chorus, while floating on high  
 Is the banner so spotless and white;  
 God bless thee our Lehigh for ever and aye,  
 And thy flag of the Brown and the White.

## A NOVEL PROPOSAL.

"WELL, old boy, here we are back from the last June hop we're liable to attend for some time. It is sort of hard to——"

But Ben Buttons fell to musing and when he had mused for about half a minute he suddenly said: "Now tell me truly what sort of a time you had, Ernest?"

"Why, confound it, Ben, I enjoyed myself very much; that is to say, I——"

"That is to say" interrupted Buttons; "that is to say, 'as much as I, who care nothing for girls, could enjoy it.'"

No reply; Ernest merely kept on folding up his dress suit.

"Well, if you are not a conundrum!" And the good natured Ben leaned back in his chair, twirled his moustache and looked at the other with lack of comprehension stamped on his

face. "Then when you were dancing with Sallie Edgerton, whom fifty men in the room at least would be only too glad to go through fire and water for, you acted just lively enough so as not to be accounted absolutely stupid. And then when I have my dance with her, she talks just as much about you as is compatible with propriety and wonders why you are so diffident this evening. I don't tell her that is your chronic state when in the presence of young ladies, but I am tempted very strongly when I think how indifferent you are. Why, confound it," and here the speaker brings his hand down heavily on the table, "confound it, a fellow with your ability and talents, and I'll say good looks too, although it is in bad taste, ought to make a lion in society; and you would too if you'd only throw off this eternal indifference among the girls." And while the now aroused speaker paused an instant to take breath, he, who was no mean beau himself, imagines himself in the place of Ernest Young. "Well, all I've got to say about it is that when you do become entangled in Love's meshes, you'll have a hard time of it, if there are the smallest hinderances in your way; and, though it may be poor philosophy on my part, I would advise you to prepare yourself for it by trying to take a little interest in the girls from this time on."

Ernest smiled at the seriousness of his friend. "Why, my dear boy, suppose I did make any progress towards winning a young lady, just imagine my proposing." And he looked somewhat appalled as he asked, "How the deuce could I ever pass through the ordeal safely?"

Ben didn't answer. Every time he had broken the same subject to his chum during the three years and a half of their intimacy, Ernest had invariably brought up the same question and Ben was tired trying to answer it satisfactorily. But Ben had gone deeper into the matter than he ever did before; and before Ernest fell asleep he thought of it a little and wondered whether Ben's remarks were really well founded or not. And three days later,

after he had been awarded his sheepskin, and Ben had left to see his sister graduate at one of the Eastern schools, he thought of it again on his way to his grandmother's cottage at R—. He wondered too how things looked, how his grandmother was, whom her absence in Europe and other circumstances had prevented him from seeing in ten years; he wondered how Mathias, the old gardener, was; and then, his thoughts reverting to the original subject, he pictured to himself what a change ten years had wrought in Priscilla Mather, the daughter of that rich old sea captain that used to live near his grandmother. Unconsciously his thoughts went back to the time that he used to play with Priscilla, when they made sand houses on the beach together, to the time when they hid from Priscilla's nurse behind a tall rock and he put his arm around her neck and told her he liked her real well and she said she did him and gave him a sweet little kiss. Yes, Ernest laughed very heartily when he thought of it all and found himself in a few minutes possessed of a very strong desire to see what the pretty little flaxen haired girl had become in the lapse of years.

Two hours later he reached his destination and received a hearty welcome from his grandmother and the old servants. He soon learned that the little Priscilla had grown into a beautiful and very amiable girl and had been away at boarding school for the last five years. A queer feeling stirred Ernest when he learned that she would return in a few days to spend the summer months at her father's country place near by. And the day she did come, Ernest could scarcely wait till evening before he called. As he entered the grounds of Captain Mather he saw a small boat pulling from the captain's yacht which had just come to anchor in the little bay, and in the stern sheets with the captain a young lady. Ernest turned toward the landing and reached it the same time as the boat. Gracious, how beautiful Priscilla was! He could see the same little girl of ten years ago developed into the young

woman before him. She recognized him instantly and the look of pleasure that lighted up her face and the cordial greeting she gave him stirred Ernest as he had never been stirred before. The captain too gave him a hearty grasp of the hand and assured him of his pleasure at seeing him again.

As they walked up to the house, Priscilla said suddenly: "Do you know, Mr. Young, that I met a friend of yours at commencement by the name of Mr. Ben Buttons? What a real jolly fellow he is, and when he accidentally found that I used to know you, never was any one so attentive. And how he did talk of you! Why really, if I should tell you half the good things he said and you were anything different than you used to be, you might become terribly conceited. And I am so glad he expects to come and visit you here. I trust we will have good times together." And they then and there commenced to make plans for the next two weeks and Priscilla was so gracious and entertaining that Ernest wondered he had never liked girls before. When he went back home after an unusually long call, he felt that he would follow Ben's advice and try and take a greater interest in the fair sex represented in the person of Miss Priscilla Mather.

Two days later Ben came. The reception Priscilla gave him, when Ernest took him over that evening, was very warm, so warm in fact that Ernest's late involuntary resolution was somewhat shaken. But a resolution of such a nature can seldom be shaken without producing undesirable effects. For during the next few weeks at all the yachting parties, picnics, lawn tennis and receptions in the neighborhood, not to mention the long rides and walks they indulged in, Priscilla's preference seemed to Ernest to be very decided for Ben, and Ernest grew proportionally gloomy and despondent. Now and then only did Priscilla, with whom Ernest was dead in love, seem to give him the slightest encouragement; and in a short time he found that Ben Buttons, whom he had loved as a brother during his whole college course,



with whom he had been on many a trip to different places and whom he had believed to be his best friend, he hated more cordially than he believed himself capable of; and what was exceedingly hard for him to endure was the fact that the clearer signs Ernest gave of his feelings toward Ben the more good natured the latter became and the greater attentions he paid to Priscilla. So jealous did Ernest become that one afternoon when he was called to Boston, and tried in vain to get Ben to go with him, he went off in a towering rage.

When he returned the next day, Ben met him at the station, with a broad grin on his face. "Well, old boy," said he cheerily, "good morning. Did you get through your business all right?"

Ernest answered in the affirmative, and as he did not seem inclined to talk, nothing more was said on the ride to the house.

Soon after they were seated together on the porch. Ernest was very quiet. He had been considering his actions of the past few days while on the train that morning, and had come to the conclusion that he had been a perfect boor. If Priscilla liked Ben. Buttons better than she did him, he would quietly resign himself to his fate. He knew it would be hard, but he would make a great effort. Ben, on the other hand, was talking on a great variety of subjects in the most rollicking fashion. Suddenly he said, "Ernest, I went over and called on Priscilla last evening, had a fine time; we played and sang together, and about 9 went out and sat in the summer-house and there I—in short, I proposed."

Ernest was somewhat pale but he asked very calmly, "And what, pray, was her decision?"

"Well, old boy, her decision was not particularly favorable, although it was what I had a right to expect."

"I can not understand," said Ben, "why she should refuse when her preferences have been so decidedly and strongly in your direction, even if the time of your acquaintance is rather short."

"I'll tell, Ernest"—and the jolly Buttons was nearly splitting with laughter,—"she thought it would be in better taste if you should come over and propose for yourself."

"What?" demanded Ernest, "Did you——?"

"Yes, Ernest, I did. You see——"

But Ernest heard him not; he rushed toward the stables, whence he emerged several minutes later mounted on his horse. He disappeared up the road inland amid a cloud of dust, and didn't return till dinner time. But if he was covered with dust, "Richard was himself again;" and in the evening he went over and was duly accepted by Priscilla. When he came back he was met at the gate by Ben. "Now then," said the latter, "if you'll allow me, I will finish that sentence you rushed away from so suddenly this morning. You see you have always told me it would be very hard for you to propose even if you should make any progress in winning a young lady. So, my dear boy, when I saw you head over heels in love with Priscilla, and that she reciprocated the feeling, I thought I would bring matters to a pass, so that you would be constrained to propose. And I've done it, and Miss Priscilla Mather will soon have the best husband in the world."

I won't attempt to describe how Ernest thanked Ben, or humbly apologized for his conduct. Neither will I describe the wedding which took place six months afterward, and at which Ben Buttons of course acted as best man; I will only remark that the last time I saw Mr. Benjamin Buttons Young, who was named by the mutual agreement of Priscilla, Ernest and the original Ben himself, the young gentleman had just been put in short dresses.

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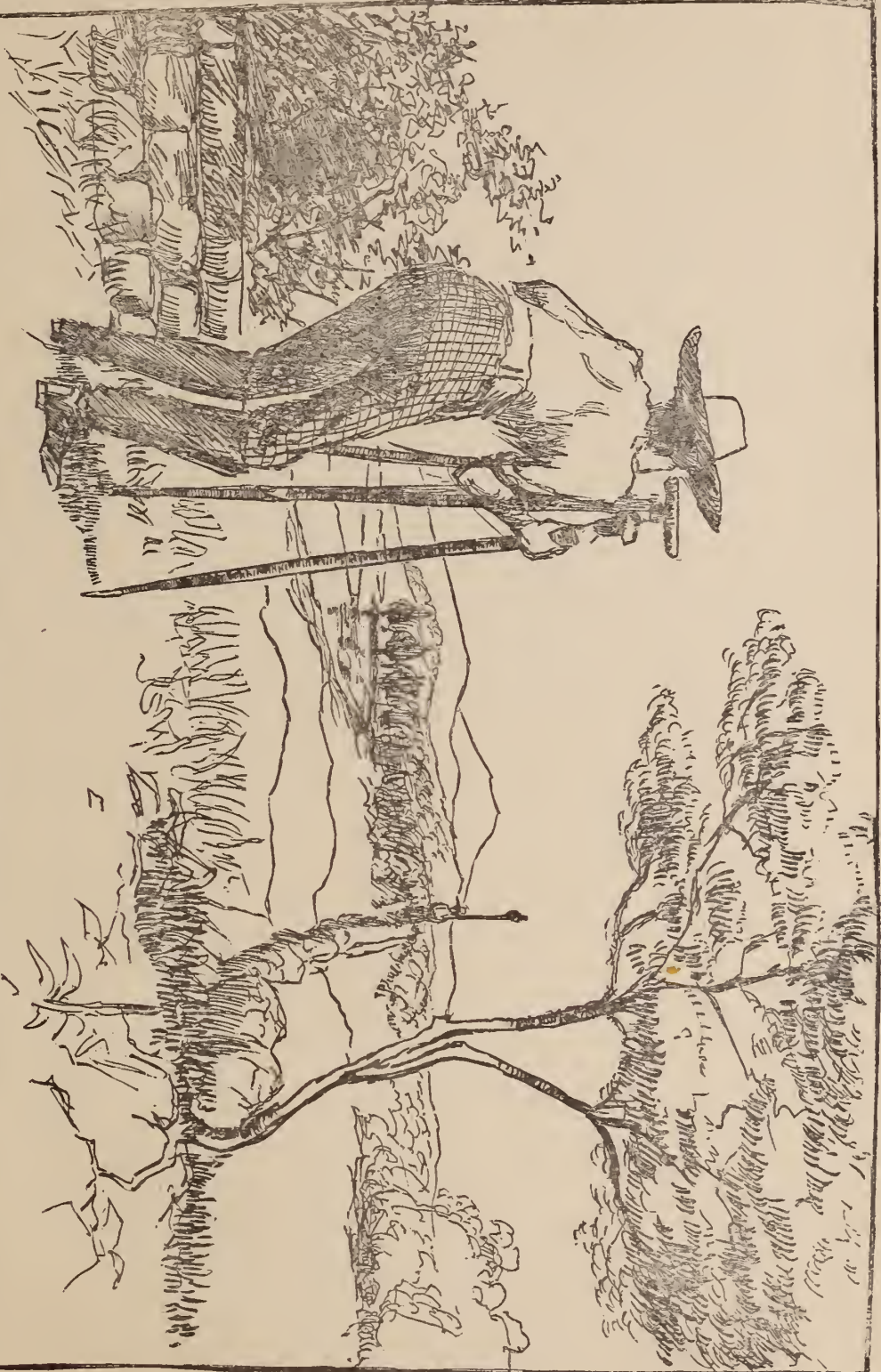
—The *Epitome* appeared May 26th. It is bound in plain brown cloth, with the "Epitome" and "'88" on the front page in silver. The frontispiece is an excellent phototype of the foot ball team.

—It is to be hoped that some new boarding houses will be opened next year, as those which are at all good are full to overflowing, and the clubs next fall will be homeless. It is wonderful that, when such a large price is paid for board, a good table is so rare.



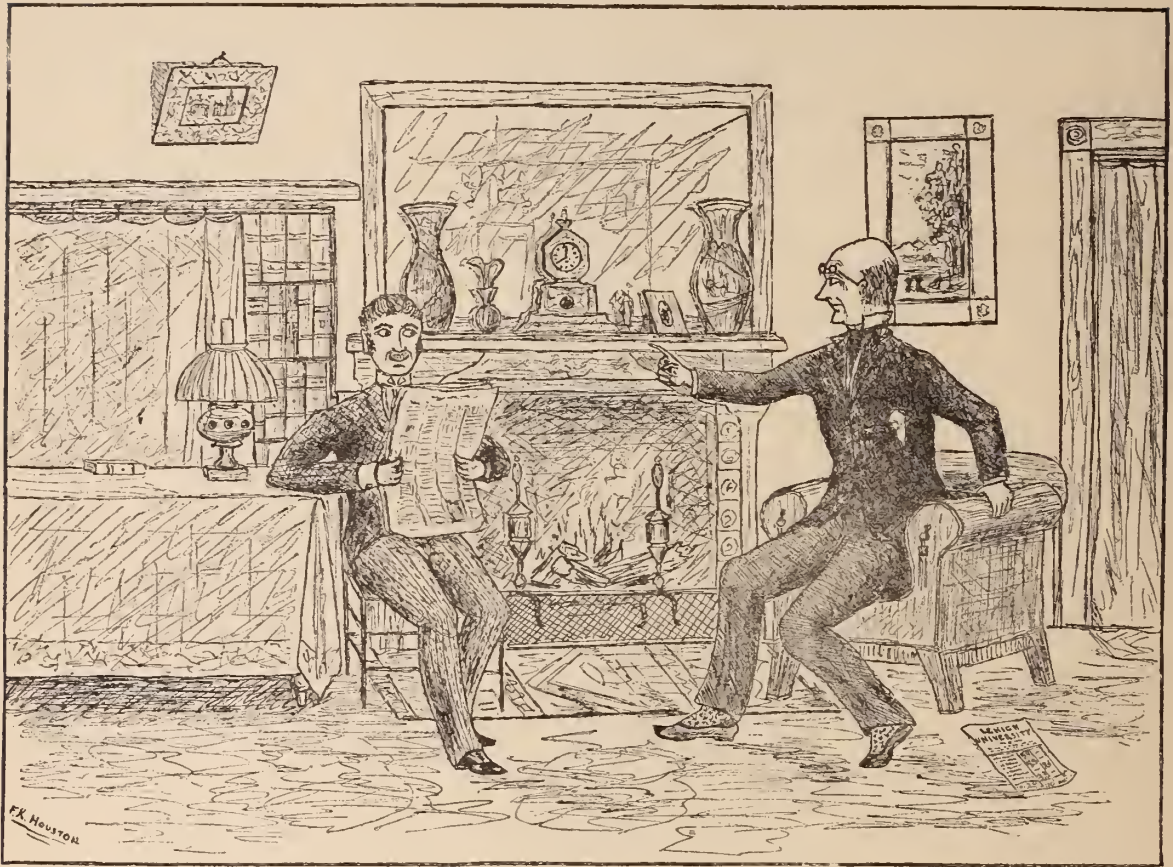
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AN ALUMNUS.





GRANDFATHER—I see that you have failed to pass your examinations again. Now I suppose we shall hear a pretty story about professors down on you, etc.

GRANDSON (dryly)—No, sir; my down is all my own.

#### COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

**T**HE programme for commencement week is as follows: Sunday, June 19, the Rt. Rev. N. S. Rulison, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, delivers the Baccalaureate sermon in the Chapel. Tuesday, June 21, is Class Day. The exercises will be held on the campus at 2.30 P. M. C. C. Jones will be Master of Ceremonies; O. O. Terrell, Banner Orator; H. H. Stock, Ivy Orator; G. T. Richards, Class Prophet; Chas. P. Pollak, Class Poet. In the evening is the reception of the Juniors to the graduating class in the Gymnasium. Wednesday, June 22, is Alumni Day. The usual business meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in the drawing room in Packer Hall. In the evening Gen. Francis

Walker, L.L.D., President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, delivers the annual address before the association. The President's reception follows. The ceremonies attending the Cremation of Calculus by the Sophomore Class will consist of a trial and execution. The trial will take place in the Lehigh Theatre at 8 P.M. The cremation proper, preceded by a march through the University grounds and the Bethlehems, will be held before the Moravian Seminary about 10.30. Thursday is University Day. Commencement exercises in the Chapel begin at 10.30. The orators will be: H. H. Stock, Salutatorian; C. F. Zimmele, R. H. Phillips, J. H. Howard, H. S. Fisher and M. H. Fehnel, the Valedictorian. The new chapel will be used for the first time.

## PHI BETA KAPPA.

THE installation of the Beta of Pennsylvania of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity took place on June 2d. The officers are: The Rt. Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D.D., LL.D., President; Prof. Henry C. Johnson, A.M., LL.B., Vice President; Prof. Ed. H. Williams, Jr., A.B., A.C., E.M., Corresponding Secretary; Wm. K. Gillet, A.M., Treasurer; M. H. Fehnel, Recording Secretary; Chas. F. Zimmele, Assistant Treasurer. The Chapter with whom lies the power of election are: The Rev. Geo. Pomeroy Allen, D.D., the Rt. Rev. M. A. DeW. Howe,

(Continued in Supplement.)

## DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this department are solicited.]

'71.—F. L. Clerc, mining engineer and metallurgist, of Joplin, Mo., whose valuable, though too rare communications are familiar to the readers of the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, has accepted a position on government engineering work in Oregon.—*Engineering and Mining Journal*.

'83.—G. S. Spencer, E.M., has left the Union Improvement Co., Jeddo, Pa., and expects soon to go South.

'83.—W. T. Goodnow, C.E., is at Sheffield, Ala., in the employ of J. P. Witherow of Pittsburg, superintending the erection of a plant.

'86.—Priestly Toulmin, E. M., has left for Mobile, Ala., where he has accepted a position with the Mobile R. R. and Transportation Co.

'86.—M. A. DeWolfe Howe, Jr., B. A., last year Editor-in-Chief of THE BURR, and who is now pursuing a post-graduate course at Harvard, has been elected an Editor of the *Harvard Monthly*.

'85.—T. W. Birney, C. E., has recently been awarded two prizes of \$40 and a fine set of law books for the best essays in the Senior Class and in the Post-Graduate department at the Washington, D. C., Law School.

'86.—Geo. A. Ruddle, Ph.B., who has spent the past year as instructor in mathematics and science at Selwyn Hall, Reading, Pa., in conjunction with the Rev. D. D. Hefter, will conduct a small summer school at Shelter Island, N. Y.

## KERNELS.

—The Mining Club will take a series of trips next fall through the western part of the State.

—F. S. Smith, '87, is in the Lamp Department of the Westinghouse Electric Light Co., at Pittsburgh.

—H. H. McClintic, '88, was elected Captain of the Varsity Base Ball team for the remainder of the season.

—"The mills of the gods grind slow." A Sophomore has been suspended for disorder in Physics lecture.

—J. M. Howard, '87, has secured a position on an Engineer Corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Harrisburg, Pa.

—C. N. Butler, '88, has secured a position on the Engineer Corps of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, situated at Mauch Chunk.

—Next fall, all the students having more than two conditions after the first reexaminations will be summarily dropped from their class.

—W. Wyckoff, '87, has left college to accept a position as Assistant Chemist in a Chemical Works at Troy, N. Y. He will return next year.

—A game of Lacrosse will be played on the Athletic Grounds June 21st, between the Lehigh Lacrosse team and the Maple Leaf club of Camden.

—All members of the Junior Class in the Schools of Mining and Mechanical Engineering and the Sophomores in Chemistry who do not pass the subject of Metallurgical problems will be conditioned in the entire subject of Metallurgy. This also applies to the Sophomore Mechanicals next June.

—The members of the Nu Chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon in the Class of '89 are: C. H. Boynton, W. Butterworth, W. D. Farwell, F. L. Grammer, A. Hoehling, W. E. Howe, J. M. Humphrey, E. Hurtado, T. S. Leoser, C. W. Moffett, W. E. Morris, A. K. Reese, C. W. Schwartz, C. Walker and P. S. Webb.

—This year instead of the old buff pads, that we have been accustomed to in examinations, the Faculty supplied us with sundry pads of vivid and startling hues, ruled and unruled and of many different sizes and shapes. It is to be hoped that the Faculty will be successful in their efforts to do away with all manner of unfair means of passing examinations.

—All the Sophomores were admitted to the examination in Calculus. Lockett, Jamaica and Berger of Pennsylvania made term marks of 9.77 and 9.80 respectively. All the Sophomores who had term marks of over 9 and had had no absences in Mathematics, either excused or inexcused, were excused from examination and given their term mark as a final.

—On Saturday, June 13th, the Freshmen took advantage of the fact that the Sophomores were all in examination, and had the class photograph taken. About eight Sophomores appeared, however, but they were promptly seized and bound. The Freshmen at first thought of having them taken in the photograph, but on second thought it was decided not to.

—During the latter part of May, Dr. Lamberton announced that any student, after that date, getting two inexcused absences in any department, would be excluded from the examinations in that department, and that any student getting five more absences, either excused or inexcused, would have a list of all absences with the study in which they were incurred sent home.

—The new BURR board has met and elected the following officers to serve next year. The officers are: Wyndham H. Stokes, '88, Editor-in-Chief; Charles P. Coleman, '88, Business Manager; Clarence Walker, '89, Assistant Business Manager; Secretary, Charles E. Cox, '90; Kernel Editor, Howard L. McIlvain, '88; De Alumnis Editor, Louis P. Gaston, '88, and Exchange Editor, W. D. Farwell, '89.



—During the month of June divine service has been conducted in chapel by the Rev. W. H. Casey, of the diocese of Central New York and the Rev. Chas. J. Wood, of Lock Haven, Pa.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

COMMENTS.—The *Queens College Journal* hails from Canada. We are in doubt whether the custom is entirely Canadian, or the *Journal* is following the example of some of its contemporaries in the United States, in devoting its entire exchange column to "What others think of us." At any rate it shows exceedingly bad taste, and approaches uncomfortably near to the practises of professional journalism.

—In a college of this size, situated in a little village as this is, where students are constantly meeting, passing and repassing on the street, it is absurd that there should be no recognition of any kind unless a formal introduction has preceded the occurrence. The more one thinks of it the absurder it becomes. It is often embarrassing to meet the same persons day after day and pass on without even a nod. An amusing feature of it all is, that when a man wishes to collect money or solicit subscriptions, he always knows everyone he meets and calls them by name; no introduction is necessary.—*Williams Weekly*.

—The average age of the Trinity Freshmen is about twenty-one.

—The aggregate income of all colleges is estimated at \$4,500,000.

—Since 1709 one hundred and ninety-five Smiths have graduated from Yale.—*Ex*.

—The students of a Spanish College recently tarred and feathered a member of the faculty.

—It costs the government \$10,000 a year to furnish the students at West Point with music.

—The average age of the Class of '87 at Yale at their graduation will be twenty-two years.

—Yale holds five intercollegiate records in track athletics, which is one more than Harvard holds.

—Dartmouth has purchased land on which to erect a building for the exclusive use of her Base-Ball nine.

—The Class of '88 at Williams presented Sardou's "A Scrap of Paper" very successfully a short time ago.

—Of the 334 American colleges, 155 pronounce Latin by the Roman method, 144 by the English, and 35 by the Continental.

—The two highest oratorical honors at Cornell have this year been taken by nephews of ex-President Andrew D. White.

—Harvard, Princeton, Lehigh, Rutgers, Stevens Institute, all have Lacrosse Clubs. Why shouldn't we?—*Pennsylvanian*.

—But fifty-eight members of the Class of '72 at Lafayette, are still living. The class graduated one hundred and twenty men.

—Trinity College offers an English literature prize of \$65, that has been awarded but once in five years because of lack of competition.

—The entire Sophomore Class of Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y., was suspended for disorderly conduct at their annual oratorical contest.

—The faculty of Oberlin place knee-breeches in the same category as low-necked dresses and short sleeves, and have forbidden the students to wear them.

—The bust of the Hon. Andrew D. White, presented to Cornell University by its Alumni, was publicly unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on June 16th.

—The Whig and Clio Literary Societies of Princeton, the former founded by James Madison and the latter by Aaron Burr, are soon to build new halls, the estimated cost of each being \$5,000.

—W. B. Page, of the University of Pennsylvania, the champion high jumper of America, has consented to go to England this summer with the Manhattan Athletic club team, to take part in the high jump contest.

—DePauw University at Greencastle, Ind., has been recently bereaved by the death of its founder. Besides giving nearly a million dollars to this institution, Mr. DePauw established and maintained a girl's seminary.

—The 17 Japanese students in the University and High School at Ann Arbor, Mich., have a society all their own. They call it Bungakukia. One has been ejected, lately, on account of dissipation and gone to Columbia.—*Ex*.

—Five Freshmen and one from each of the three upper classes at Columbia have been called before the faculty to answer the charges made against them for making a disturbance with the men who were trying the entrance examinations.

—Bowdoin has recently had \$6,000 bequeathed to it to found two or more scholarships, with the proviso that the students receiving aid from this fund shall keep the donor's lot in the cemetery free from the appearance of neglect.—*Ex*.

—Yale first published a college paper in 1806; Harvard in 1810; Columbia in 1815; Brown in 1829; Amherst and Williams in 1831; Trinity in 1833; University of Pennsylvania in 1834; Princeton and Dartmouth in 1835; Bowdoin in 1839.—*Ex*.

Dr. Pierce, of Nashville, Tenn., has given to the Athletic Association of Vanderbilt University a gold cup, valued at \$250, to be competed for annually by the college base-ball teams of Tennessee.

—Princeton College has received from the family of the late Francis Biddle, of Philadelphia (Princeton, '75,) a memorial gift of money which will furnish, among other things, an annual prize of \$25 for the best English essay by a Sophomore.

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## SIGMA CHI.

ON the evening of Monday, June 6th, the Sigma Chi Fraternity established the Alpha Rho Chapter of that Fraternity at Lehigh, absorbing the Society of the Crimson Halberd. Members of the Fraternity from the various Eastern Chapters attended, and a large delegation from Lafayette was present. Three of the members of the Fraternity reside in Bethlehem. After the initiation services, the newly initiated and the other members sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared at the Sun Hotel hall.

Sigma Chi is a large and well known Fraternity. It was founded at Miami College, Ohio, 1856, and was originally named Sigma Phi, but its name was immediately changed to Sigma Chi, upon the information that a Sigma Phi Fraternity already existed. The pin is a St. George Cross, of gold and white enamel, with various symbols upon the arms of the cross; in the centre is an elliptical space, on which are the Greek letters,  $\Sigma \chi$ . The colors of the Fraternity are Blue and Gold. Sigma Chi at Lehigh has bright prospects, as it has already existed successfully

for two years, and with the college increasing at the present rapid rate there is no danger of its failure for want of members. This is the eleventh Fraternity at Lehigh, and the ninth Fraternity to place a Chapter here during the last three years.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

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EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—Dear Sirs: In an institution like ours, where there are no electives, the study of some outside subject furnishes the student, even at the expense of extra work, an agreeable change from the tiresome routine studies and a means of spending profitably his spare time. This is true at Lehigh of the course in photography, and if the popularity of a course is in any way the measure of the time of its existence, this course should not have been so short-lived. To allow our well-equipped photographic laboratory to lie in idleness after the successful career of the course since its recent introduction, and especially knowing that there are more men in college desirous of an opportunity to learn to photograph than could now be accommodated, is a calamity that should be promptly remedied by the authorities. It is true that we have no instructor, and we do not know that any steps have been taken to secure one; but we feel that an instructor in this branch is more of a luxury than a real necessity. We all know that great proficiency in photography may be attained without the aid of a teacher. And, as the majority of those of us who would devote any time to the acquisition of it do so for recreation, and do not expect to master it as thoroughly as the branches in a regular course, it seems as though an instructor were of comparatively little use. The room, together with the apparatus pertaining to it, should be

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placed under one of the present instructors in chemistry, or, in their stead, under some reliable student capable of furnishing a tyro in the art the information necessary to successfully continue the study by himself. Let this plan be adopted and we have no fear that, besides gratifying the desire of those who would possess some mementos of Bethlehem's pleasant faces, it will give the world much better photographers than the system now in vogue.

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**EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:**—I would like to bring before the public some facts in regard to our present marking system. They are extremely curious, and are as worthy of public exposition as Barnum's monstrosities, for they are monstrosities in their way. In one case a final mark of 9 was given, when by the confession of the man himself it was impossible for him to make more than 8.87, and even that mark could only be attained by the most liberal marking. In another case the final mark was such that a certain man must have made 10.1 on examination. Considering the scarcity of perfect examinations at Lehigh such a mark would indicate that the student actually was better acquainted with the particular subject than the professor.

There may be, there doubtless are, many more cases of a similar nature. The attention of the faculty I trust will be given to the many inconsistencies which our present antiquated system of marking gives rise to. They need not try experiments in order to determine a better scheme. Other colleges have kindly done this for us. All that is necessary is for them to investigate and then adopt a system which has worked, and is working, satisfactorily to students and professors in many of our American colleges.

PHILANTHROPOS.

—A Harvard professor has made the calculation that if men were really as big as they sometimes feel there would be room in the United States for only two professors, three lawyers, two doctors, and a reporter on a Philadelphia paper. The rest of us would be crowded into the sea and have to swim for it.—*Ex.*



BASE-BALL.

RUTGERS VS. LEHIGH.

**M**AY 14, the base-ball team went to New Brunswick and defeated Rutgers 12 to 8. The score is appended:

RUTGERS.						LEHIGH.					
	R.	B.	H.	P.	O.A.E.		R.	B.	H.	P.	O.A.E.
Losee, l. f.....	2	2	1	0	0	Anderson, 3 b.....	2	3	4	3	2
Elting, r. b.....	1	2	15	1	1	Phillips, 2 b.....	1	1	2	0	0
R. Hogan, r. f.....	0	0	0	0	1	Walker, s. s.....	0	3	0	3	2
Bedford, p.....	0	4	1	6	0	Cunningham, l. f.....	0	0	2	1	1
Tilton, 3 b.....	1	1	1	2	1	Palmer, c.....	3	3	7	0	0
DeWitt, s. s.....	1	1	2	3	0	McClintic, r. b.....	2	0	6	0	1
J. Hogan, c. f.....	1	2	1	0	0	Franklin, p.....	1	0	1	5	0
Boocock, 2 b.....	1	1	1	7	6	Hopkins, r. f.....	1	3	2	0	0
Benson, c.....	1	1	5	1	0	Jennings, c. f.....	2	2	1	0	1
Total.....	8	15	27	20	9	Total.....	12	15	27	12	7

Earned runs—Rutgers 2, Lehigh 3. Two base hits, Walker. Home run—Losee. Base on balls—Bedford, Palmer, Hopkins (2.) Struck out by Bedford 4, by Franklin 4. Wild pitches—Bedford 1. Passed balls—Palmer 1.

Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

Umpire—Mr. Daniel Hayes.

### CLIPPINGS.

#### A HIT.

**O**NE Sunday to the village church

An aged umpire crept,  
The day was hot, the sermon long,  
The weary sinner slept.

The minister was waxing loud—

"My brethren it is meet  
That ye beware the *Judgment Day*"—  
That brought him to his feet.

"The runner there is safe on third!"

Right loudly did he shout,  
The First Bass from the choir came.

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—He: "Dese heah kears am mighty dangerous, and it's mostly de las' kear what's smashed up." She: "Why don't they leave off de las' kear then?"



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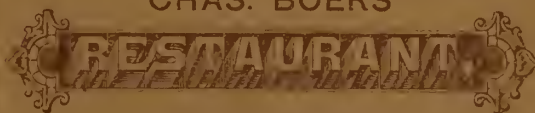
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